

**Amendments to the Abstract:**

Please amend the abstract as follows:

~~The invention relates to a~~ A ball bearing (1) ~~having~~ has an inner race (2) and an outer race (3). In order to prevent the rotating parts from being damaged when the bearing assembly fails, ~~the invention provides that~~ the bearing has emergency bearing surfaces (14, 15) which are concentric to the rotational axis (6) and of which one is a part of the rotating bearing race and the other is a part of the fixed bearing race. ~~The invention also provides that during~~ During normal operation, the emergency bearing surfaces (14, 15) are situated opposite one another with a relatively narrow gap (24) therebetween, ~~and that~~ But, in the event of failure, the surfaces (14, 15) engage and function as emergency bearing surfaces.  
(drawing figure 5)